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SUBJECT: DR. NEMESIO PRUDENTE

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SUMMARY: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UMC) REP FISHER LEFT MANILA LAST WEEK IN BELIEF THAT GOP WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SILENT EXILE FOR PRUDENTE IN U.S. AND PRUDENTE CONFIRMED TO FISHER HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SAME. WHILE GOP NO DOUBT WOULD PREFER TO AVOID CRITICISM FROM UMC, WE BELIEVE IT STILL REGARDS RISKS OF LOOSING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS OPPONENT IN U.S. FAR OUTWEIGH ITS CONCERN ABOUT UMC.

1. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE EDWIN FISHER LEFT MANILA LAST WEEK AFTER CALLS ON GENERAL RAMOS AND TWO VISITS TO PRUDENTE ARRANGED BY RAMOS. FISHER SAID RAMOS WAS VERY HELPFUL AND ENCOURAGING AND WE BELIEVE HE LEFT MANILA WITH IMPRESSION THAT GOP MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING.

2. FISHER TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRUDENTE CONFIRMED HE WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT EXILE IN U.S. AND ASKED WHETHER A VISA COULD BE ARRANGED. EMBOFF SAID THAT QUESTION COULD REALLY BE JUDGED ONLY WHEN AND IF HE APPLIED. IN VIEW OF PUBLIC DESCRIPTION OF HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES, AN APPLI-
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CATION BY PRUDENTE WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY STUDIED.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE RECORD OF PRUDENTE'S
LAST APPLICATION BUT RECORD OF HIS LEFT-WING ASSOCIATIONS
WOULD PROBABLY MAKE HIS ADMITTANCE FEASIBLE ONLY ON BASIS
OF SUCCESSFUL WAIVER APPLICATION. WE WOULD ASSUME, HOWEVER,
THAT QUESTION IS HYPOTHETICAL FOR TIME BEING. PRUDENTE IS
WELL KNOWN FIGURE OF THE LEFT, HIGHLY REGARDED BY STUDENTS,
ARTICULATE, COMPETENT AND CONSEQUENTLY VIEWED BY GOP AS
DANGEROUS. WHILE GOP MIGHT ACKNOWLEDGE ADVANTAGE OF
AVERTING CRITICISM FROM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BY RELEASING
PRUDENTE FOR EXILE TO U.S., IT HAS IN PAST REGARDED
RISKS OF EXILING ITS ENEMIES TO U.S. FAR OUTWEIGH ADVANTAGE
IT COULD GAIN FROM SILENCING LESSER U.S. CRITICS.
ATTITUDE BASED ON CONTINUING INTENSE CONCERN ABOUT ACTIVI-
TIES OF MANGAPUS ET AL AND BELIEF THAT SILENT EXILE IS
UNATTAINABLE WHATEVER GUARANTEES ARE GIVEN.
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